an increase of 6.2 percent during January-June, 1991 which has increased to 8.5 percent during July-November, 1991.

(b) The decline in the overall rate of growth during this year was due to several factors. In some sectors, this was due to a shortage of raw materials, particularly imported raw materials, because of foreign exchange constraints. In some other sectors, the fall in growth rates may be attributed to the plateauing of demand after extremely high growth rates in previous years. The imposition fo some specific import restrictions due to balance of payments considerations contributed to a slow down in the growth in some sectors. Some other sectors were affected by infrastructural constraints such as power and coal shortages in some areas and industrial relations problems in some sectors.

(c) Measures taken in the new Industrial and Trade Policy are aimed at boosting industrial growth. The changes in the fiscal and other related aspects of industrial activity are a continuous process and measures in this direction are taken from time to time depending upon the needs and circumstances.

Import of raw materials by NSIC

3208. SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Small Industries Corporation are importing various raw-materials for tiny and small sector under its IRMAC scheme; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the details of imported and indigenous raw materials assistance scheme being offered by NSIC to existing and proposed units, facilities offered including L/C earnest money for import etc.;

(c) whether NSIC are importing raw materials under OGL, if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether NSIC are making serious efforts to procure wanting scale raw-materials from Government Enterprises for proposed SSI units after new industrial policy for small sector announced, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether few raw materials have been canalised through NSIC for small sector; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir. According to NSIC, it has imported Precision Instruments against licence under IRMAC Scheme.

(b) The Corporation provides both imported and indigenous raw materials to the SSI under its Raw-Material Assistance Scheme against their specific requirements. The units availing assistance are required to deposit between 20 to 30% as margin money and interest on blocked up capital as per the prevalent Bank rates is charged. The Corporation's Service Charges range between 1 to 3% depending upon the quantum of assistance provided.

(c) Yes, Sir. The main items of Import under OGL by the Corporation are Electronic Components, PVC/Oleopine Resin, Acrylic Scrap, CRGO Sheets, Pig Iron etc. as per requirements of the units.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Corporation is negotiating with IPCL, Baroda, Hindustan Zinc Ltd., Udaipur to procure Polymars and Zinc Ltd.,

(e) No, Sir.

Locational policy for industries

3209. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to scrap locational policy to set up industries in the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to allow entrepreneurs to choose the location of their own choice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) There

is no proposal under consideration of the Government to scrap the policy governing location of industries. Under the new Industrial Policy announced by the Government on 24th July, 1991, in locations other than cities of more than 1 millon population, there will be no requirement of obtaining Industrial approvals from the Government except for industries subject to comulsory licensing. In respect of cities with population greater than 1 million, industries other than those of a non-polluting nature will be located outside 25 Kms. of the periphery, except in prior designated industrial areas. However, existing zoning and land use regulations and environmental legislations will continue to regulate industrial locations. An entrepreneur is free to take decisions with repard to the location of an industrial unit as long as it conforms to the locational policy outlined above.

Delicensing of industries under new Industrial Policy

3210. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to delicence car, truck and scooter industries; and

(b) whether there is any proposal also to delicence Sugar industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Under the Statement on Industrial Policy placed on the Table of both Houses of Parliament on 24th July, 1991, requirement of industrial licensing has been done away with for all types of automobiles except passenger cars.

(b) There is no proposal at present with Government for delicensing Sugar industry.

Manufacturing of LAB by Hindustan Lever

3211. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Lever is not manufacturing the committed quantity of LAB., a vital input for detergents, in its unit in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details of the committed quantity and actual production in this unit during the last three years; and

(c) what action has been taken against that company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd. have been issued a letter of intent dated 23.5.89 for setting up an unit in the State of Punjab for the manufacture of 60,000 tonnes per annum of LAB. Implemenation of these project is held up as the source for supply of the critical raw material is yet to be tied up.

Vacancies of Chief Executives in Public Setor Undertakings

3212. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vacancies of Chief Executives in Public Sector Undertakings have not been filled up in most cases despite recommendations of PESB;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether the concerned public sector undertakings under his Ministry are heavily suffering for non-filling of the post; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) As per information available there are 29 vacancies of Chief Executives in Public Sector Undertakings as on 13-12-1991. Out of these the recommendations of the P.E.S.B. are available in respect of 18 posts. The recommendations of the P.B.S.B. are processed in accordance with the prescribed procedure, before finalising appointments.